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Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2016 11:07 PM
To: Rep. Lee Chatfield (District 107); Rep. Amanda Price; Rep. Kurt Heise; Rep. David Maturen (District 63); Rep. Jason Sheppard (District 56); Rep. Lana Theis (District 42); Rep. Jeremy Moss (District 35); Rep. Charles Brunner; Rep. David Rutledge; Rep. Sheldon Neeley (District 34); Mary Lou Terrien
Subject: HB 4795

Dear Local Government Committee,

I am writing you today to support House Bill 4795. The bill is currently in your committee, and I understand you will likely vote on this bill tomorrow, May 4th at noon. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend your meeting but I wanted to let you know that I support this bill and I would like you to vote to send it to the full house for a vote. My reasoning for supporting this bill is as follows.

HB 4795 would help put an end to the reckless and dangerous disregard for Michigan Law by many local governments throughout the state who have enacted ordinances that try to trump state firearm laws. These unlawful actions pose a clear harm to law-abiding citizens as these ordinances seek to prevent the legal carrying of firearms on public property. This in turn denies Michigan citizens the right to defend themselves with a firearm. A right guaranteed by the Michigan and United States constitutions. The State legislature has passed laws preventing local governments from enacting ordinances that violate a Michigan citizen's rights to carry a firearm on public property yet many continue to pass and try to enforce these types of ordinances. These local governments understand the state laws but willfully choose to violate these laws as there is currently no consequence for them enacting illegal ordinances thus forcing Michigan's citizens to go to the courts to obtain relief. This is costly and time consuming for the tax payer bringing the suit and the local government fighting the suit. Putting teeth in violating preemption laws would put a stop to this waste of tax payers time and money as well as free up the court's time to pursue other more important cases. I ask you as duly sworn representatives of the Michigan legislature to uphold your oath and protect the firearm preemption laws and the constitution of the State of Michigan. Thank you for your time and representation.

Sincerely,
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